

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A method for providing a supplier or distributor interface, comprising:
 - a) receiving data from a plurality of stores of a supply chain utilizing a network, the data relating to an amount of goods sold by the stores;
 - b) aggregating the data in a database;
 - c) receiving a request from a supplier or distributor, the request including a plurality of supplier or distributor parameters;
 - d) extracting information from the database relevant to the supplier or distributor parameters in response to the request;
 - e) transmitting the information from the database to the supplier or distributor utilizing the network;
 - f) adjusting a supply of ~~raw~~-materials from which the goods are produced based on the information; and
 - g) calculating based on a recipe a predicted amount of ~~raw~~-the materials for a given level of sales of goods sold by the store; ~~and~~
 - h) comparing an amount of ~~raw~~-the materials sold to a store and the predicted amount of ~~raw~~ the materials for the given level of sales of goods; ~~and, to thereby provide an indication of a level of discrepancy~~
 - i) determining a variance relating to the materials due to errors or loss.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the parameters relate to a forecasted amount of the required goods.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the network includes the Internet.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the information is displayed utilizing a network-based interface.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the stores include restaurants.
6. (Currently amended) A system for providing a supplier or distributor interface, comprising:
 - a) logic for receiving data from a plurality of stores of a supply chain utilizing a network, the data relating to an amount of goods sold by the stores;
 - b) logic for aggregating the data in a database;
 - c) logic for receiving a request from a supplier or distributor, the request including a plurality of supplier or distributor parameters;
 - d) logic for extracting information from the database relevant to the supplier or distributor parameters in response to the request;
 - e) logic for transmitting the information from the database to the supplier or distributor utilizing the network;
 - f) logic for adjusting a supply of ~~raw~~ materials from which the goods are produced based on the information;
 - g) logic for calculating based on a recipe a predicted amount of ~~raw~~ the materials for a given level of sales of goods sold by the store; ~~and~~
 - h) logic for comparing an amount of ~~raw~~ the materials sold to a store and the predicted amount of ~~raw~~ the materials for the given level of sales of goods; and, to ~~thereby provide an indication of a level of discrepancy~~

i) logic for determining a variance relating to the materials due to errors or loss.

7. (Original) The system of claim 6, wherein the parameters relate to a forecasted amount of the required goods.

8. (Original) The system of claim 6, wherein the network includes the Internet.

9. (Original) The system of claim 6, wherein the information is displayed utilizing a network-based interface.

10. (Original) The system of claim 6, wherein the stores include restaurants.

11. (Currently Amended) A computer program product for providing a supplier or distributor interface, comprising:

a) computer code for receiving data from a plurality of stores of a supply chain utilizing a network, the data relating to an amount of goods sold by the stores;

b) computer code for aggregating the data in a database;

c) computer code for receiving a request from a supplier or distributor, the request including a plurality of supplier or distributor parameters;

d) computer code for extracting information from the database relevant to the supplier or distributor parameters in response to the request;

e) computer code for transmitting the information from the database to the supplier or distributor utilizing the network;

f) computer code for adjusting a supply of ~~raw~~ the materials from which the goods are produced based on the information;

g) computer code for calculating based on a recipe a predicted amount of ~~raw~~ the materials for a given level of sales of goods sold by the store; ~~and~~

h) computer code for comparing an amount of ~~raw~~the materials sold to a store and the predicted amount of ~~raw~~the materials for the given level of sales of goods; and, ~~to thereby provide an indication of a level of discrepancy~~

i) computer code for determining a variance relating to the materials due to errors or loss.

12. (Original) The computer program product of claim 11, wherein the parameters relate to a forecasted amount of the required goods.

13. (Original) The computer program product of claim 11, wherein the network includes the Internet.

14. (Original) The computer program product of claim 11, wherein the information is displayed utilizing a network-based interface.

15. (Original) The computer program product of claim 11, wherein the stores include restaurants.

16-18. (Cancelled)